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Circular Letter No. 8.

July 21, 1909.

To Supervising Principals
and School Boards:-

For your information, I desire to say that the preliminary outlines of the work to be done in the elementary, intermediate and advanced courses in English during the coming school year are now being prepared by the Instructors giving the courses at Ponce and Río Piedras. The teachers enrolled in these courses are themselves getting a valuable training by assisting in the preparation of the outlines.

Upon their completion they will be revised by the Division of Supervising, and we shall plan to have them ready for distribution in September so that the courses for the coming year may be of the greatest possible value.

ELEMENTARY COURSE.

During the past year the language book used by fourth grade children was the basis of instruction. For the coming year that used by fifth grade pupils is being outlined.

INTERMEDIATE COURSE.

Teachers enrolled in this course will study "Guide Book to English", Book two. This is the text to be used by all eighth grade pupils of the Island during the coming year. It was introduced last spring and has already proven of great value. The authors, Dr. Gilbert and Miss Harris, are both educators of national reputation and long experience in public school work.

ADVANCED COURSE.

For this course we have arranged to use "How to Teach Reading", a book which has already met with general approval. The authors, Mr. Briggs and Mr. Coffman, professors in the Charleston, Illinois, State Normal School, have rendered an important service by their effort to stimulate interest in this important subject, and we are hoping that the use of this book by teachers of the advanced course will result to the great advantage of the entire school system.

You will confer a favor by bringing this information to anyone who may be interested.

Yours very truly,

F. D. HADDOCK
Acting Commissioner.